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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Alfalfa and Clover Seed Survey for the 2005 crop.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,


William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho Alfalfa Seed Production Declines, Clover Seed Increases

Producers in Idaho harvested 16,000 acres of alfalfa seed in 2005, down 27 percent from the 22,000 acres harvested in 2004, but 7 percent above the 15,000 acres harvested in 2003. Average yield, on a clean basis, was 680 pounds per harvested acre in 2005, up 10 pounds from the previous year. Production for 2005 totaled 10.9 million pounds, 26 percent below the 2004 crop, but up 10 percent from 2003. The average price received by growers for the 2005 crop rose \$6 per hundredweight from the previous year to \$123 per hundredweight, resulting in a farm level value of production of \$13.4 million.

Harvested acreage of red clover seed in Idaho totaled 1,700 acres during 2005, up 6 percent from 2004 and 42 percent above 2003. Average clean yield was 510 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds per acre from the previous year. Production for 2005 totaled 867,000 pounds, up 32 percent from 2004 and 29 percent above 2003. The average price received by growers for the 2005 crop was \$107 per hundredweight, \$5 per hundredweight more than 2004. This resulted in a farm level value of production of \$928,000. This survey was completed in cooperation with the Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission.

Idaho Red Clover Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000-2005

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Pounds)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
2000	3,500	520	1,820	\$104	\$1,893
2001	2,500	580	1,450	\$102	\$1,479
2002	1,200	580	696	\$100	\$696
2003	1,200	560	672	\$97	\$652
2004	1,600	410	656	\$102	\$669
2005	1,700	510	867	\$107	\$928

Alfalfa Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, Selected States, 2005

State	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Lbs)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
IDAHO	16,000	680	10,880	\$123.00	\$13,382
Montana	6,100	413	2,519	\$113.00	\$2,846
Nevada	4,000	730	2,920	\$115.00	\$3,358
Washington	13,000	780	10,200	\$115.00	\$11,730

Idaho Alfalfa Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1995 - 2005

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Pounds)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
1995	35,000	680	23,800	\$117.40	\$27,941
1996	33,500	720	24,120	\$128.20	\$30,922
1997	39,000	660	25,740	\$131.00	\$33,719
1998	39,000	670	26,130	\$137.00	\$35,798
2000	46,000	800	36,800	\$129.00	\$47,472
2001	27,000	720	19,440	\$124.00	\$24,106
2002	18,000	790	14,220	\$119.00	\$16,922
2003	15,000	660	9,900	\$121.00	\$11,979
2004	22,000	670	14,740	\$117.00	\$17,246
2005	16,000	680	10,880	\$123.00	\$13,382

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